

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows:

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 12-14 are cancelled.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adam Masia on 10/20/2008.

In the Specification, Priority Claim at page 1, immediately after "filed on June 23, 2000," insert "now U.S. Patent No.: 6,688,977,".

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Kamille does not teach that if the selected symbol is a terminator symbol, providing another value to player based on a quantity of non-terminator symbols which were not selected when the play was terminated.

Claims 1-11 & 15-55 are allowed.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 7/10/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the term of prior patent No.: 6,688,977 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMKAR A. DEODHAR whose telephone number is (571)272-1647. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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